

The HOPE Program for Technical College Students

Summarized below is the current status of the HOPE Program, including changes to the HOPE Grant that will take effect for Fall Semester 2013. For more information, contact your local Georgia technical college and/or the Georgia Student Finance Commission, www.gacollege411.org.

Criteria	Fall Semester 2013
Tuition	The HOPE Grant pays a significant percentage of TCSG standard tuition. Check with your local TCSG college to learn more.
Fees	No HOPE award
Books	No HOPE award

HOPE GRANT

Baccalaureate Degree	Not eligible for an award.
GPA Requirement	No GPA requirement at first enrollment. At the conclusion of Fall Semester 2013, only students at a 30 or 60 checkpoint will be checked for a 2.0 GPA. If a student loses eligibility at the 30 semester hour checkpoint, they are not eligible to regain the Grant until the 60 hour checkpoint. However, if you lost the HOPE Grant because of the past requirement to maintain a 3.0 GPA, you may be eligible to regain the Grant immediately starting in Fall Semester 2013, as long as your HOPE Grant GPA was 2.0 or higher in your last term of attendance. It is important that you contact your TCSG college for more information.
Learning Support	Eligible for an award. HOPE Grant paid hours for learning support coursework do not count in the HOPE Grant GPA and checkpoint calculations.
Dual Enrollment	Eligible for an award. HOPE Grant paid hours for dual enrollment coursework do not count in the HOPE Grant GPA and checkpoint calculations.
Paid-Hours Limit (Cap)	Tuition payment for hours up to the 63 <u>semester</u> hour limit, regardless of program length. Students will be responsible for all tuition payments for hours attempted beyond this limit. Learning support hours do count toward the HOPE Grant hours cap; dual enrollment hours do not.
Residency	Students who were not Georgia residents upon graduation from high school, completion of a home study program or GED test date must meet Georgia residency requirements for 24 months prior to the term HOPE Grant is sought. Dual enrolled or joint enrolled students must meet the Georgia residency requirements for 12 months. Active military, their spouses and their dependents are Georgia residents for HOPE Program purposes if stationed in Georgia or list Georgia as their residence of record.

GEORGIA'S STRATEGIC INDUSTRIES WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANT AWARD

Beginning with the Fall Semester 2013, TCSG students who are receiving the HOPE Grant may also be eligible for additional financial assistance from Georgia's Strategic Industries Workforce Development Grant (SIWDG) Award for three TCSG programs.

Eligible Programs	Commercial Truck Driving Early Childhood Care/Education Practical Nursing
Qualifications	To qualify, a TCSG student must be fully admitted to the college, enrolled in one of the above programs and receiving the HOPE Grant for the same term.

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Award Amounts

The amount of the SIWDG Award is a fixed amount for each term of enrollment:

Program of Study	Enrolled Hours	Award Amount
Commercial Truck Driving	9 or more	\$1000
Early Childhood Care/Education	9 or more	\$500
Practical Nursing	9 or more	\$500
Early Childhood Care/Education	8 or less	\$250
Practical Nursing	8 or less	\$250

Contact your area TCSG college for more information.

Special Notes

Eligibility for the SIWDG Award for the Commercial Truck Driving program is for one term only. The HOPE GED Grant, HOPE Grant, and SIWDG Award can be awarded in the same term, if all other eligibility requirements are met up to cost of attendance. High school students in dual enrollment programs are not eligible for the SIWDG Award.

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

GPA Requirement

No change in GPA requirement or checkpoints. Students may regain eligibility one time at a checkpoint if eligibility is lost.

Learning Support

Not eligible for an award.

Seven Year Eligibility

Students become ineligible for the HOPE Scholarship seven years after the date they graduated high school or equivalent. Students who received a HOPE Scholarship payment prior to Summer Quarter 2011 will remain eligible through June 30, 2015, regardless of graduation date. Active duty military service time does not count against the seven-year period.

Residency

Students who were not Georgia residents upon graduation from high school, completion of a home study program or a GED test date must meet Georgia residency requirements for 24 months prior to the term the HOPE Scholarship is sought. Active military, their spouses and their dependents are Georgia residents for the HOPE Program purposes if stationed in Georgia or list Georgia as their residence of record.

ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility Requirement

Determined by Georgia Student Finance Commission. Students must meet the requirements of the HOPE Scholarship. Students must have graduated from an eligible high school with a GPA of 3.7, and received prior to graduation (excluding 2011 graduates), a score of at least 1200 combined critical reading score and math score on a single administration of the SAT or an ACT composite scale score of at least 26; or completed a home study program and earning a 3.3 GPA at the 30 semester hour checkpoint and satisfying the SAT or ACT requirement; or graduated as a valedictorian or salutatorian from an eligible high school. Only one valedictorian and salutatorian per high school are eligible. Students entering as a first time freshmen between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2011 may qualify at the 30 semester hour checkpoint provided they have met one of the eligibility requirements above.

GPA Requirement

Minimum 3.3 GPA requirement at all checkpoints. If a student drops below the 3.3 GPA minimum requirement, but maintains at least a 3.0 GPA or higher, the student can be awarded the HOPE Scholarship. Students may regain eligibility one time if eligibility is lost.

HOPE GED VOUCHER

Voucher will be issued to the student upon enrollment at any eligible postsecondary institution. The GED voucher is valid for 24 months from date of issuance.